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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Admission of new members.

4. Election of officers.

5. Organization and programme of work for 1991.

6. Other business.

Annotations

1. Admission of new members (item 3)

On 11 December 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Information in paragraph 76 of its report, 1/ decided to increase the membership of the Committee from 74 to 78, and appointed Czechoslovakia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica and Uruguay as members of the Committee.

The General Assembly also decided on the appointment of the Byelorussian SSR as a member of the Committee on Information with immediate effect, to fill the vacancy which had been occupied by the German Democratic Republic.

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2. Election of officers (item 4)

The Committee at its organizational session in 1980 reached an agreement according to which the principle of geographical rotation would be applied to all officers of the Committee and the officers elected for two-year terms. 2/ At the beginning of the thirteenth session, the Committee will elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, to serve in their respective capacities during 1991 and 1992.

3. Organization and programme of work for 1991 (item 5)

(a) Approval has been given by the General Assembly in the calendar of conferences for 1991 for the thirteenth session of the Committee to be held in New York as follows:

Organizational meetings: 4-5 March 1991
Substantive meetings: 4-19 April 1991

(b) The mandate of the Committee on Information is set forth in section I, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979 and was reaffirmed by the General Assembly, most recently, in its resolution 44/50 of 8 December 1989;

(c) The draft programme of work for 1991 is contained in document A/AC.198/1991/2.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/45/21).

2/ Ibid., Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/35/21), para. 8 (a) and (b).

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ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1991

Note by the Secretariat

1. The present note lists the questions that the Committee on Information, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/76 B of 11 December 1990, is required to deal with during 1991. The relevant paragraphs of the resolution are indicated.

2. The attention of the Committee is drawn to paragraph 5 of the resolution, in which the Committee was requested to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

3. The attention of the Committee is also drawn to General Assembly resolution 45/76 A of 11 December 1990.

Proposed list of questions to be considered by the Committee on Information during its thirteenth session (1991)

I. Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communication order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information

II. Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities in the light of the evolution of international relations, particularly during the past two decades, and of the imperatives of the establishment of the new international economic order and of a new world information and communication order

Consideration of questions in this area would include oral and/or written reports on:

1. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/76 B, paragraph 1 (b) (vii) on: Department of Public Information coverage of all United Nations activities pertaining to the situation in the Middle East and the question of Palestine.

2. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/76 B, paragraph 1 (e) on: Technical and financial assistance to radio stations that are broadcasting or willing to broadcast to South Africa.

3. Report on the results of the review of the UN Yearbook (See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth session, Supplement No. 6, (A/44/6/Rev.1), section 27, programme element 1.9 (ii)).

III. Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications

Report on the activities of the Joint United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC).

IV. Report of the Committee on Information to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session (General Assembly resolution 45/76 B, para. 5.)